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*** SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM DIRECTOR RIGGS ***



Let me begin by thanking everyone for the tremendous response to the recent winter storm.

Our employees worked hard helping motorists, getting individuals to hospitals for medical issues, organizing evacuees, and coordinating and keeping up with a myriad of safety issues associated with the storm. Once again, you served and continue to serve this community at an exceptional level. On behalf of the Mayor, his staff, and those many citizens and Councillors who have called, emailed, or stopped me throughout this city to express their appreciation...

...thank you!

Switching gears for a moment, one of the main complaints that I received from employees when I arrived here in October 2012 was that strategic planning was never shared with staff and that the staff's input was never sought. As a result, we established an email address for suggestions (dps@indy.gov) and I continue to meet with a variety of public safety professionals each week and will continue to do so in 2014. Thank you for your ideas, suggestions, and yes, even constructive criticism. It has been very helpful in crafting our future.

Speaking of that future, we are excited to share with you a glimpse of what that looks like and have started doing so with a series of strategic plan presentations. You have two more opportunities to attend one of our presentations (Jan. 13 and 15, 8:30 a.m., at FOP Lodge #86) and I encourage you to do so.

Additionally, on January 16 in the Entry Pavilion of Bankers Life Fieldhouse, our new Indy Public Safety Foundation will host the first-ever "year in review" titled, "DPS: A Community Partnership for a Safer Tomorrow." The foundation members, led by Chairperson Melissa Proffitt Reese, want the city to understand and celebrate all your accomplishments for 2013. All are welcomed and I have asked our management team to allow as many people as possible to attend.

Finally, I want to revisit last month's first-ever DPS Recognition Ceremony. It was truly a pleasure to pay tribute to the employees that make up DPS and recognize those who, according to their peers, have gone above and beyond for our city. I cannot wait for the 2014 ceremony to see who you decide is worthy of a recognition award.

Have a great and restful weekend!

God Bless and stay safe // Troy

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